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SUBJECT: NINTH DAY OF KC DRY SEASON OFFENSIVE

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1. SUMMARY: THE MILITARY SITUATION AROUND PHNOM PENH WAS CALM FOR THE SECOND STRIGHT DAY. SOME ENEMY PRESSURE WAS REPORTED ALONG THE LOWER MEKONG. END SUMMARY.

2. THE MILITARY SITUATION WAS QUIET IN ALL THE DIVISION AREAS OF OPERATION AROUND PHNOM PENH. EVEN THE EMBATTLED 7TH DIVISION NORTH OF PHNOM PENH, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SOME FIGHTING NORTH OF ITS LOGISTICS BASE, REPORTED RELATIVE CALM. THE 7TH, HOWEVER, IS WORN OUT AFTER THE TOUGH STRUGGLE IT HAS GONE THROUGH AND THERE IS SOME QUESTION ABOUT ITS ABILITY TO RESPOND SHOULD THE ENEMY ATTACK IT AGAIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

3. LATE IN THE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 9, SOME PROGRESS WAS REPORTED BY FANK ELEMENTS ENGAGED IN THE DIFFICULT JOB OF ROOTING OUT KC FORCES FROM THE EAST BANK OF THE MEKONG OPPOSITE PHNOM PENH. THE ENEMY IS STILL THERE, BUT THE CITY HAS NOT TAKEN ANY ROCKET FIRE FOR THE PAST
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THREE DAYS.

4. COMMUNIST FORCES INCREASED PRESSURE SOMEWHAT AGAINST
KHMER NAVY INSTALLATIONS ALONG THE LOWER MEKONG BUT THE
DEFENDERS ARE HOLDING. ROUTE 1, PARALLELING THE MEKONG,
IS STILL CUT FOR A DISTANCE OF TWENTY KILOMETERS WITH
THE CUT BEGINNING ABOUT TWENTY KILOMETERS FROM THE CITY.
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